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EDITORIAL: In case it might have slipped your attention this is our Parish Council Election Issue. Four years ago there were 16 candidates for the 14 seats. This time there are 22, and that's got to be healthy. I would like to think the News has been responsible at least partly for generating interest - at least there is no excuse for not knowing what is going on!

The immediate focus of attention for the next Council must be the Windmill Hall; does the village want a hall or not? Is it realistic to try to renovate the present buildings or should we start from scratch? And how should it be paid for? It seems unbelievable to the impatient young that 40 years have passed since the plans of the original scheme were enthusiastically laid before the village. That opportunity was lost, the war came and inflation and apathy took care of the rest of the story. Now we have another opportunity to acquire a site. Grant aid should be there for the asking and it would be up to Deddington to work to raise the rest of the money. If this opportunity is lost as well, will there be another? An energetic and enthusiastic Council is essential if we want this hall.

Most of the prospective Councillors are in favour of the project but still, talking in the village I find people doubtful and hesitant, and it puzzles me. Are they afraid that the hall would be a waste of money as it would not be used? Some are people with children in school locally - and the P.T.A. needs a hall for dances, discos and meetings. The youth groups are desperate for space, and we did have a successful Adult Education Centre until it was forced to close last year. Sports clubs inside Deddington and outside are interested in the facilities the centre might offer. I cannot see a problem in the site being under-used.

Is it the cost that is frightening? Undoubtedly we are talking about big money and the responsibility must be spread over many years. But other villages with populations half the size of Deddington have done it and I'm sure we can too. Ten years ago or so George Palmer and the church community raised £15,000 to restore the fabric of the church building. With inflation that amount would be double today. I believe that if the cause is right, if we want the hall badly enough, we can find the money.

I have indulged myself in this editorial as it is my last. From next month the News will be in the professional hands of Margaret Leaver in Church Cottage, Church Street. Margaret is a Technical Editor with Alcan in Banbury and she should have no problem sorting this lot out. I have enjoyed editing the News, I've met a lot of people and learnt a lot, particularly from Parish Council meetings. The News is secure financially, for the moment anyway, and there is a good team running it. I hope you will continue to support it.

Mary Robinson

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, MAY 24th is our local Parish Council election day. Polling takes place in the PRIMARY SCHOOL between 7. a.m. and 9 p.m. The results will be announced later the same night. There are 22 candidates for the 14 places:

Brian Bond, Wootton Dene, Hempton Road, Deddington
Jill Cheeseman, 35 The Daedings, Deddington
Arthur Clark, Castle Street, Deddington
Cliff Collin, Chapel Close, Clifton.
Roger Croft, Duke of Cumberlands Head, Clifton
*Norman Drake, Corner House, Market Place, Deddington
Bill Drake, Lake Cottage, Castle Street, Deddington
*Brian Fuller, Earls Farm, Deddington
*Roger Gardner, Manor Farm, Clifton
*Rodney Hayward, 54 Banbury Lane, Kings Sutton
Alistair MacKenzie, The Old Well House, Castle St., Deddington
*Michael O'Neill, Hempton Road, Deddington
Mary Robinson, Quinque House, New Street, Deddington
*Monty Spencer, The Manse, Bullring, Deddington
*Bob Stevens, The Sycamores, Hempton Road, Deddington
John Vaughan, Old Farm House, New Street, Deddington
*Douglas Ward, Maunds Farmhouse, High Street, Deddington
John Webb, Unander, Goose Green, Deddington

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the emotive difficulty of car parking, for example. A Council works by consensus, and none of these things can be decided unilaterally by an individual. I would try to reflect your views and my own if elected.

ALASTAIR GEORGE MACKENZIE, C.B.E., M.C. - My wife, Angela, and I have been resident in Deddington for some five years, but have not been in the village very much, except at weekends, because of my work in London and overseas as an Executive Director of Commercial Union Assurance. However, I have just retired and, while diffident about putting myself forward as an almost unknown candidate for the Parish Council, now have the time to devote to community affairs. I have some experience of community work as a member of the British Association of Singapore for some twelve years and Chairman for two.

A major Deddington problem is the future of the Windmill Hall. I think we must first make quite sure that the people of Deddington, Hempton and Clifton really want a community centre. I hope they do and, assuming that this is so, am inclined to think that the figures quoted for the renovation and alteration of the existing hall are so large that before taking a decision we should find out the probable cost of demolition of the existing premises and the building of facilities suitable not only for our present needs, but for the foreseeable future.

Another major concern is the ever-increasing motor traffic in, or rather through, the village. The A423 approaches the unbearable for those living along that road or using it to any degree; the traffic on the minor Chipping Norton to Buckingham Road is also increasing. Every opportunity should be taken by the Parish Council to bring this unhappy state of affairs, from Deddington's viewpoint, to the district and county authorities to ensure that our village is not ignored by the road planners in the 1980s.

MARY ROBINSON - 36, freelance writer and editor. Lived and worked here for six years and now putting together a Deddington Archive. Educated at a Yorkshire Grammar school and London University. Two sons, Matthew 7 at the Primary School and Jamie 4 at the Playgroup.

Since it started three years ago I have edited the Deddington News, and in particular I have valued the experience of writing the reports on Council meetings. This has given me a rare opportunity to see what a Parish Council has to deal with, and an insight into its recent business. Many people think that Local Councils no longer matter, as the real decisions are taken higher up. I don't agree. Issues like new street lighting, traffic management and a village hall should be fully and openly discussed at local level amongst the people they will most affect, and by elected representatives who will work energetically for Deddington's interest. Just as important, a Parish Council is an access channel to the more remote District and County Councils.

Deddington is a growing and thriving community, and I believe it is a good place to live. We have more shops and facilities than many villages around - but we don't have a social centre. I would like my children to feel they belong to Deddington and not just somewhere on the road between Banbury and Oxford. A new, purpose-built community centre which among other things caters for children and teenage groups will help that sense of belonging.

JOHN VAUGHAN - I have lived in New Street, Deddington for five years, have come to know many people in the town and would now like to play a more active part in its public life. I would like to see Deddington by-passed by heavy traffic, that there is no unsympathetic development spoiling the village, but also that there is development which would be beneficial to the community. I would like to see more trees planted in Deddington and its environs, and that there is a full discussion on a village hall.

JOHN WEBBER - Although born in Oxford, I lived in Essex until about ten years ago, when for family reasons we moved into the area, and shortly afterwards came to live in Hempton. I had actually passed through Deddington each day, some years before, while on Teaching Practice in Banbury, little knowing that we would ever come to live here. I teach atBrackley but, having two sons at Deddington School, I wear the hat of a consumer on our P.T.A. Committee. I have been able to work for the Hempton Residents' Association and am at present Chairman.

Whereas Deddington Village may not have a tremendous range of amenities, the two Hamlets have still less; a lack of open play space is but one example. I believe that Clifton and Hempton should be represented on the Council by members who can take a particular interest in them, as well as in Parish matters generally.

One asset we do have at Hempton is our small Church Room, used by our Youth Club each week.

If the Windmill Hall is beyond saving, then so be it, but I believe that the Parish needs a proper hall and the sooner some realistic scheme can be begun, the better.

Once we are committed to a project, the enthusiasm and effort can be channeled, rather than be frustrated into apathy by delay and uncertainty.

There will be 22 names on your ballot paper.

You can vote for any number of candidates up to 14.

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PLEASE DO VOTE IF YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN DEDDINGTON.

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Morris Dancing: John Morgan, Deputy Head of the Primary School, was invited to outline his plans to revive the Deddington Morris Men. By way of history he said the previous side had existed probably between 1933-38, and had been taught by one of the country's leading authorities. Some of the original members of that side were still in the area and had been very helpful in reviving the group. So far Mr. Morgan has formed a schoolboys' side, the "Morris Minors", and he hopes to raise a men's team by 1980-81. Anyone fit and healthy is invited to join, and not necessarily only those living in Deddington.

The original colours of orange, green and yellow have been used for the baldricks (ribbons to you and me!). The cost of these, the bell pads and bells - £75 in all - has been borne by the School P.T.A. Morris Men never charge for their dancing. Instead a collecting hat is passed round, accompanied by the threat of a bash on the head with a pig's bladder to persuade onlookers to part with money. Alas even this prospect was not enough to persuade the Council, in its last days, to give financial support, but they did offer the venture its best wishes.

Castle Grounds: two superb new timber swing seats have been supplied courtesy of Michael O'Neill. These replace the plastic ones burnt by vandals.
The question of right of way over the Castle Grounds approach road has been settled in a letter from the former Clerk, Mr. Phillips. In this he refers to a Deed of Conveyance made over 30 years ago in which the Church Commissioners gave to the Parish Council on behalf of the people of Deddington the right of access to the Castle Grounds. Councillors were puzzled as to why the question of title had suddenly been raised. One possibility is that car parking in the lane might be considered by people living nearby to be a mususe of the right of way.

Next meetings: The date of the May meetings - the Annual Parish and Parish Council meetings - has been fixed for Wednesday 30 May, as the election of the new Council is to be held on Thursday 24th May. The meetings will begin at 6.30 p.m.

Windmill Hall: The District Valuer has still not been able to come up with a price for the site. This is now expected some time in May.

It seems likely that sports clubs outside the village will be interested in sharing the site and providing financial help for facilities. Banbury Harriers Athletic Club are anxious to find such a site as Deddington could offer and they would finance and build an athletic track. Hartwells Sports and Social Club have also shown interest. Mr. Garrett is to get interested groups to contact the new Council for further discussions.

Mr. Welford has prepared and circulated this statement on the project, which met with the full Council's approval:

"As the present Council has only a few weeks life left it is a good time to see how far we have progressed towards getting a village social centre and what needs to be done next. Clearly, the Parish Council has enthusiastically approached the problem and this has resulted in the Council deciding that to try and repair and up-date the Windmill School building, is not going to give us the right type of village centre that the 1980's and 1990's will require. However, it does seem that the Windmill School site could well be the right place to develop into a village community centre.

The Parish Council have looked very carefully at the old buildings and at the site and have collected a lot of information concerning the availability of grants from both central and local government sources. It is unfortunate that the district valuer is not able to tell us the purchase price of all, or part of the Windmill site until later on in May, therefore this Parish Council cannot do more than recommend the scheme to its successors.

To sum up, this Council clearly states that it would seem within the reach of

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Deddington to have a new and purpose built building for the use of the village and if the land surrounding it can also be obtained at a reasonable price, further development should take place during the late 1980's and early 1990's.

The Windmill School/Community Centre project is not the only responsibility the Deddington Parish Council has, but it has occupied a lot of this Council's time. We have dealt with name signs at Clifton and some improvements in the lighting at the Paddocks, to mention but two of the small projects we have been able to arrange. We must not lose sight of the fact that there are other pressing needs, especially concerning the street lighting in our Parish.

However, it does seem that the next Parish Council will be the Council that will make or break the community centre project, therefore I consider the election has occurred at a very opportune moment for Deddington. Deddington Parish does not have the administration back-up of a larger town. We have a Parish clerk, a very good clerk, but it would not be right to ask him to undertake all the administrative work connected with the setting up of a community centre.

Therefore, on the subject of the Windmill School site, I say to the electors it is now your job to select those candidates for Parish Council 1979 onwards who have the enthusiasm, the time and the ability to see this job through. It is important that fair play between those who are very enthusiastic and those who have other points of view, can be seen to be done, but we must have a Village Hall. Those of us who are enthusiastic about the project must not overlook points of view of those who may disagree with them."

Mary Robinson

NATURE NOTES

In a parish like Deddington there are not so many natural places where the ecology has not been upset. Land is so costly that it has to be farmed intensively to make it pay its way. So fields are drained and fertilised, and woods cleared, and hedges trimmed, and unwanted plant life must make way for cereals and good grazing grass. What a joy therefore to the naturalist to discover a tiny spot which has been left here and there with perhaps a spring of water to encourage plant and animal life. There are a few left, and our green lanes around the village also provide an abundance of life for the looking. As a newcomer it is a pleasure to discover these lanes and secret quiet places.

It is tadpole time again and frogs are becoming scarce. So perhaps young hunters might take only a little frogspawn home in their glass jam-jars to watch grow into frogs. And when the little frogs are ready it would be kind to return them to their original home again. So many are the enemies of tadpoles, from the hedgehog to the young people (and tadpoles will even eat themselves), that it is small wonder that the common frog is no longer common.

Our summer visiting birds are returning. The chiffchaff and the willow warbler are in the district, which in turn means that there are already plenty of insects about for them to feed on. Swallows are just appearing and the housemartins. The cuckoo should arrive during the third week in April, but as yet no sound.... sensible bird..... there are probably very few furry caterpillars to feed on yet.

Pat Hannah

HEALTH CENTRE TRANSPORT

The Parish Council has agreed to share again in the cost of the transport bringing patients to the Health Centre. Although there are few people using the scheme from Clifton and Hempton the Council recognised that we in Deddington are lucky to have the Health Centre in our village and that we should not hesitate in paying our £43 contribution.

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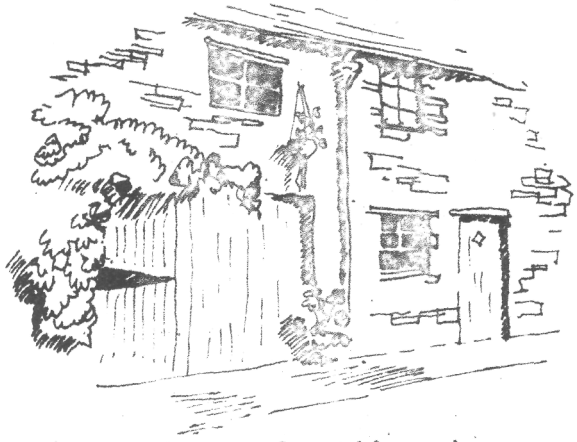

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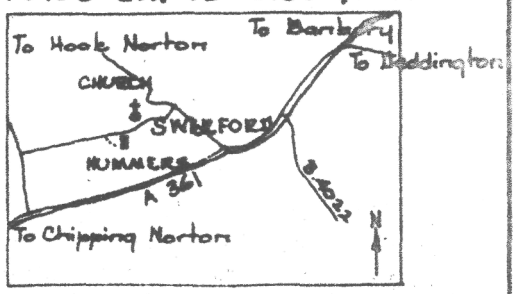

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WINDMILL HALL

Ever since the days of the Deddington Society's interest in the Windmill Hall as a Community Centre, anyone who raised doubts about its suitablility has been regarded as being against such a project. It is all very well to be enthusiastic about such a scheme but all the pros and cons must be carefully gone into, as long after organisations and enthusiasms have melted away the project must continue and its liabilities be met.

I freely admit that I have never been too optimistic about the suitability of the Windmill Hall, having worked in it for 16 years. Its stage and acoustics are awful, its roof defective, its window frames corroded beyond repair, its floor badly damaged by damp. It has no water supply and no drainage and no independent heating or electricity supply. It needs new doors, toilets and a kitchen. It also needs an access and parking. All that adds up to a lot of expense. We have already been told by the planning department that no amplified music will be allowed in the hall because of its closeness to private housing. At the right price it might still be worth having for certain activities but it has to be remembered that the ownership of property is a liability as well as an asset and rates, maintenance, heat and light will have to be met each year. It must also be remembered that before organisations will switch from their present meeting places the new venue will have to be sufficiently attractive in both facilities and rent.

Many members of the present Parish Council have greater ambitions for the village than the Windmill Hall, which is why they are negotiating for a proper Community Centre with good facilities, no planning restrictions and without a large maintenance debt for the future. When all the facts, figures and options are available they will be put to the village for a decision. No doors are being closed, not even those of the Windmill Hall! If that decision favours a project then a Management Committee will be formed to handle it from start to finish and that will require competent and hard-working volunteers. I hope you will all be ready when the time comes.

Douglas V. Ward

TO THE EDITOR

Having supported the Deddington News since its inception, I am very happy to contribute to this special "pre-Parish election" issue. I understand that there are over 20 candidates for the fourteen seats on the Council, and I firmly believe that this great interest has been generated, in no small way, by the accurate coverage and reporting by the News of Parish Council Meetings. It is possible that Deddington people are now more aware of what the Parish Council does than for many years. ALL THIS IS GOOD.

Over the next few years the Council will have to make many decisions, but two particularly important ones will concern street lighting and, of course, the future of the Windmill site. Elsewhere in this issue there is a statement on the Windmill project by the Chairman of the Parish Council which, I believe, states the present position very fairly; nevertheless it is quite clear that unless Deddington takes this opportunity this time, there will probably never be another one.
IT SEEMS A GREAT PITY TO LET THAT CHANCE SLIP BY.

Norman Drake

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At election time, politicians say exactly the same. Each offers the voters what he thinks they want. Lower taxation, never mind the public services provided by that taxation. Alternatively, better roads, schools and hospitals, never mind how to pay for them. On either side of the political divide, you will find a politician to promise you what you want. Every potential M.P. is another Mrs. Williams. If this is democracy, giving people what they ask for, should we go on with it? We are meant to be electing a strong government, not a national sweet shop. There is a case for persuading voters to stay away from the polls altogether, so as to express our view of these specious promises.

Local elections are a different matter. We should find out the track record of each candidate. We should know a little about him personally. We should override party loyalties to vote for the candidate we think best. (This is not to say that party politics in local government are bad. For the most part they are inevitable. They can be a help rather than a hindrance, as they focus our attention on local issues.)

What has this to do with the Church? "Vicars should stay out of politics" has been a popular slogan since Henry II. But the Church exists, and therefore vicars exist, to put forward the ideal picture of a nation (the kingdom of heaven), and to point out how far we are at present removed from this ideal. In this country we do not have any "Christian democratic party" to oppose Socialist and Conservative parties. As a result the Church, that is every vicar and every Church member, is free, splendidly free, to tell all politicians where their politics fall short of the kingdom of heaven. And, to be fair, where their politics do resemble that kingdom.

Every politician seems to offer us the earth. The religious citizen is entitled to ask "And the next thing, please?" What I remember of the sights and smells and mouth watering anticipations of Mrs. Williams' shop make me think that the world would be a much nicer place if we were all like her.

Richard Hannah

HEMPTON NEWS

The Annual Hempton Jumble Sale will now be held on Saturday May 12th in the Church Room. An early start is planned - at 2 o'clock so as not to clash with the Match! - and cakes and produce will also be on sale. If you have jumble for collection you might like to contact John Whitehead (38427), Betty Waller or myself (38508).

A week later a coach trip to Bristol Zoo and City is arranged, leaving at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday May 19th. The cost is £2.00 a seat. Places can be booked with Janet Isaac, the Residents' Association Treasurer (38660).

John Webber

HOLLY TREE CLUB - 1

The Committee of the Holly Tree Club wish to thank everyone who contributed more than generously for the Ceiling Fund and to say that the amazing sum of £290 was raised by their efforts. Thank you all.

E. Vivien Edmonds, Hon. Secretary

HOLLY TREE CLUB - 2

The Holly Tree Senior Citizens Club have now lost their President, Mrs. Elsie Kerridge, who with husband Ben, has left for their old home in Suffolk. They lived here for 40 years, loved and respected by us all. Ben was the late Mrs. Collin's right hand man and a boon to our Club. He did so much for us, keeping the grounds in good order and many other necessary jobs over the years. Well known as a coach driver, he was often at the wheel for our jolly coach outings. The children will remember him on the school bus.

I first met Elsie at the Women's Institute, in 1948. The Drama Group had produced a play, "Alice Through the Looking Glass", and she was the Red Queen. Her acting was good, but most of all, her beautiful eyes stayed in my memory after the play was forgotten. Like Ben, she has done much for our Club, since it began many years ago, taking over as President from our much loved late Mrs. Collin, who left us a year or so ago. Elsie was also a member of the Church Choir among other activities.

Some time ago she told me that happy though the years had been in Deddington, Ben and herself hoped to return to their grass roots on retirement. Well, that time has now come and we hope they find peace and happiness in the old home.

Florence Anderson, Mackley Close

DEDDINGTON LADIES

The Speaker for our April meeting was Mrs. Daphne Edgington, who gave a talk on the "Red Cross". She told us how the "Red Cross" was started and what work it does in this and other countries. She finished the talk with items we could use in an emergency. We thank Mrs. Edgington very much for giving the talk as she gave her services free.

On Saturday May 26th, we are holding a Disco at the top of the British Legion Club. We are breaking it up into two sessions: from 6 to 8 p.m. for the 5 to 11 years old (Primary School age group); second session is for Warriner School age group, 11 to 16 years old, from 8.30 to 10.30 p.m. Open to any children living in Deddington and the surrounding district. Bring a friend, the more the merrier. Admission will be 40p each. On sale will be cokes, minerals and crisps. On Wednesday June 6th we have our annual outing to the Potato Pub, Sturdy's Castle. The coach will leave the Market Square at 6.45 p.m. sharp.

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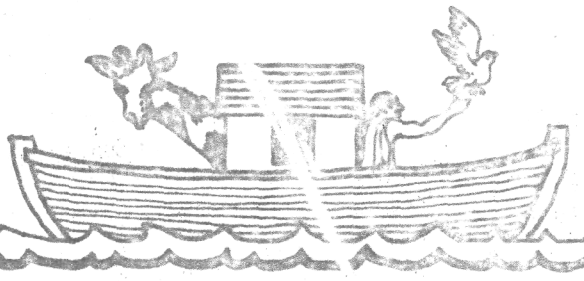

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On April 24th Mr. Proctor gave a talk on his work as a Magistrate. This was followed by tea.

The next Ploughman's Lunch will be held on May 15th in the Holly Tree Club at 12.45. Then on May 22nd we shall be holding a Garden Party in the Holly Tree Club at 2.30 p.m. There will be teas, Bring and Buy and Cake Stalls. Do bring your friends along. The proceeds are to be divided between the purchase of Children's Books for use in Church, and Branch Funds.

The Diocese of Oxford is holding a Family Day at Englefield House, near Reading on Saturday 9th June. The theme will be "The Spirit of the Family". All members with their husbands and children are invited.

The Programme includes a display of Music and Drama by "The Interpreters" in the Long Gallery. Various activities for children, divided into groups according to age. There is a creche for the very young, stalls, displays, and literature. This will be followed by picnic lunch in the Grounds which are very spacious and beautiful. (No dogs allowed because of the deer). In the afternoon there will be workshops and follow up activities to the morning. Also a Scavenger Hunt. There is a Banner Competition which as many as possible can enter. It can be made of any material or design.

The day starts at 11 a.m. and ends with a final gathering at 5 p.m. Several Young Families have expressed a wish to go from Deddington, and if any more would like to go please let me know by 15th May. The cost is £1 per family.

Jean Welford

BROWNIE NEWS

During the Easter holidays eight Brownies came to my house to make an Animal Lovers collage for a competition run by Pedigree Pet Foods. We have sent off our entry (which we were rather proud of!) but so far we have heard nothing - however we haven't given up hope yet.

Eighteen Brownies came to St. George's Day parade and I am very grateful to their parents for helping them to look so smart and for seeing that their uniforms were correct. Cathryn Blackburn and Sarah-Jane Kermode have moved on to Guides, and we have welcomed Linda Humphries and Ann Nicholls in their place. Our pack is still full. Brownie Revels - great fun, so keep the date free - is on Saturday 16th June at Barton Abbey, 2.30 to about 5.30. We were joint second last year; shall we do better this year?

Once again, could I thank those who save ring pulls, milk bottle tops and used stamps for us. We are very grateful. During the last year we have collected about 5 refuse sacks of tinfoil, and about 4 lbs of used stamps. The stamps are collected from all over the county, sold by weight, and used to help maintain the county Guide and Brownie house at Woodperry.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie

OBITUARY

We have received a note from Mr. H. Whitlock of Clifton telling of the death of Mr. C. Gardner, a well-known Deddington farmer. Mr. Gardner farmed in both Deddington and Clifton and eventually retired at Home Farm. His wife died some years ago and he leaves two daughters, both living in Weymouth.

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DEDDINGTON GUIDES

During the holidays we had an excellent response for our treasure trail and cook-out. The Guides had to answer questions about people and places in the village, following clues and given directions, eventually leading them to the cook-out site. We had some ingenious answers, e.g. Q. "Standing in the Bullring, in what house would St. George have been particularly interested?" Correct answer: Dragon House. Guides invented a Georgina House! Q. "Who's old Bible name can be seen in the Market Place?" Correct answer - Noah (Old Noah's Antiques). Guides answer - almost every group - Bernard Wallin! We're still trying to work this one out!!

However most of the answers were spot on and the Guides were finished in no time. Nobody burnt their dinner and we had a super day. Thank-you very much to Janet and Brian Bond for letting us use their land.

We were very proud of our Guides at the St. George's Day Church parade in Banbury. Everyone was beautifully turned out and the colour parties in particular were a credit to 1st Deddington. Well done.

After the long winter we are all enjoying getting involved with camping again. This week-end we have five senior Guides attending a Ranger Adventure camp at Heythrop Park and the following week-end we have five Patrol Leaders camping at Bletchingdon. Camping obviously uses a lot of money from funds but other equipment is also costly. We would like to do more map work and orienteering but maps are over £1.00 and compasses £3.50 each, and so fund-raising must always go on.

Many people will know by now that we are running the Webb Ivory card and gift catalogues in aid of funds. If you would like to see a catalogue - no obligation to buy at all, but perhaps you'll remember us at Christmas - please contact any Guider or Helper, Jackie Stammers, Kay Whitton, Jane Rose or myself. I also have a selection of cards available for sale now. Our main problem is finding someone with a bit of spare time to run it for us. Anyone who would like to help us in this way can again contact any Guider. Thank you.

Maggie Rampley

W. I. NEWS

At their April meeting W.I. members very much enjoyed a talk and demonstration on making Home Made Sweets given by Mrs. Davies of Duns Tew. Everyone must have enjoyed it, as the silence could be heard, and many learned new and easy ways for producing different shapes and flavours. At the end Mrs. Davies kindly donated the sweets to be raffled and these were won by Mrs. Mahony, Mrs. Perre, Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Caporn. The competition for home made sweets was won by Mrs. Reynolds.

Our May meeting will include a discussion led by Mrs. Small, O.F.W.I. County Treasurer, on resolutions to be put forward at the A.G.M. at Royal Albert Hall London on 13th June. Resolutions cover such topics as the closure of village schools, deterrents against crime, mixed hospital wards and compulsory training for motor cyclists. The competition will be for a flower arrangement in a wine glass.

On 12th June we have a talk, illustrated with slides, on The National Trust, given by Mrs. Greenwood and the competition is for a souvenir from a stately home.

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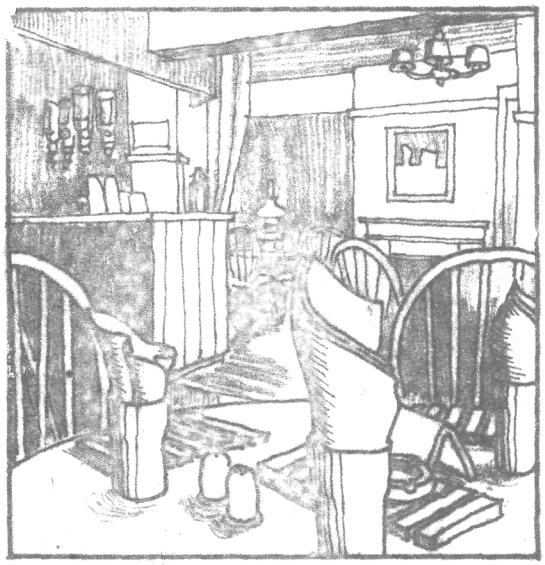

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DEDDINGTON PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday 15 May there will be a 75/25 BRING AND BUY coffee morning at Stonecourt, Earl's Lane, opposite Fullers' Farm, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. It would be helpful if you could deliver items for sale to Janet Broadbent at Stonecourt, Earl's Lane, before 15 May, so that prices can be marked up in advance. The seller gets 75% of the sale price and the PTA funds 25%. It is the time of year when many of us turn out cupboards or look out clothes for the alleged coming summer, and the result of these operations is often a heap of out-grown garments and other items to be passed on or somehow disposed of. So if you have anything to sell that you think others might be pleased to buy, bring it to the Bring and Buy coffee morning. You will be most welcome.

Looking a long way ahead, we hope to hold a Dance on Saturday 22 September - so try to keep the date free! We'll be giving you details later in the summer.

And don't forget the Fete on Saturday 30 June!

Moya Hassan

THE WARRINER SCHOOL

The General Election: During the run up to the election, two opinion polls have been taken by pupils and it will be interesting to compare the figures below with their mock election results. Polling will take place for the children on election day and the candidates are fourth and fifth year students. The two straw polls which were taken a few weeks apart showed little variation and the Headmaster gave me the following percentages:-

Conservative 47%; Labour 17%; Liberal 13%; Don't Knows 20%; Won't Vote 3%.

Sponsored Run: Also during election week, pupils of Warriner have been doing a four mile sponsored run specifically towards the Video Cassette Recorder Equipment so badly needed. At the Guild's request, the P.E. Department have kindly organised the run and it is hoped that the money will be raised which is in the region of £1,000 (See 'Shopping List' - December issue Deddington News).

The Warriner and Strikes: Disruption of School activities at The Warriner, firstly by N.U.P.E. and now the Teaching Unions, have so far been minimal compared to what has been happening in some other schools. Nevertheless many parents and teaching staff deplore strike action which effects the harmony and the smooth running of a school. Energies which should be consumed in teaching children are being dissipated due to the stress and the reorganisational necessities as a result of changes brought about by withdrawal of labour. Hopefully we will not allow the situation to be such that a succession of strikes should cause parents to take action as has happened in the United States where parents have got 'organised' and started their own schools.

Note: From week commencing Tuesday 8th May, normal lessons will be 15 minutes shorter, i.e. School commences at 9 o'clock instead of 9.15 and finishes at 3.10 instead of 3.40 p.m. Fifth Year Pupils taking exams which finish at 3.30 p.m. will have to find their own way home!!

FUTURE Events: 22nd May 2nd Year Parents Evening.
24th May School Concert in the School Gymnasium. Admission Free.

John Burdon

DONATIONS: Our grateful thanks to Mr. H. Whitlock and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Canning for their donations.

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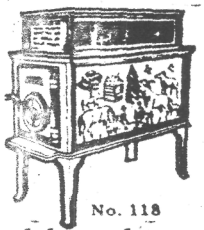

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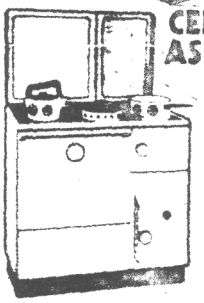

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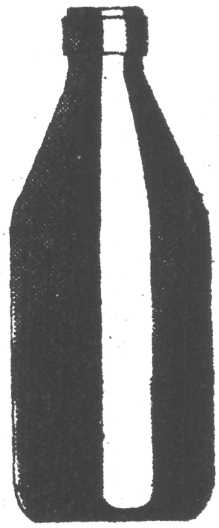

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How many parents in Barford know that they have a choice of primary school (free!) for their offspring, and why. Of course such a right is enshrined in the 1944 Act which says, in effect, that your child can go to any school where the Head will admit him, or her. However, in a village there are problems of transport. We are extremely fortunate in that although no youngster over 7 is entitled to free transport we have school buses to both Bloxham and Deddington.

This came about because when The Daedings estate was being built it was expected that this would produce over-crowding at Deddington and so Barford parents were persuaded to send their children to Bloxham as the rule rather than the exception. As an inducement a school bus to Bloxham was laid on.

In the eight years or so since, Deddington's roll has dropped from 220 or so to about 160 and Bloxham's has doubled from 220 or so to 450, making it one of the largest primary schools in the county. Bloxham has many temporary classrooms. Deddington's temporary classroom went off on a low loader last week.

The parents at Deddington are a quiet bunch, on the whole, now that there are so few from Barford and I must confess not so professional on PTA functions. The schools are very different as one would expect by the difference in size and the fact that Messrs. Duxbury and Thornton, both good teachers, head their schools in different ways.

You may wonder what happened at The Daedings. It went like this I am told: 43 houses x 1.5 children per house = 64 children. Then somebody goofed, provision was made for 64 children at both the primary and secondary schools. Then the prospective parents goofed or something. There are only 14 children at the primary school and about 10 at Warriner. A few more are under age or at independant schools.

Ken Johnson, Chairman Deddington PTA, Ashburne, Barford St. Michael

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

League News: Our League progress has been rather patchy since our cup defeats and although we only drew 1-1 with Neithrop and lost 2-1 to Tysoe United, our chance of retaining the League title has not yet disappeared. Confidence has returned to the Club and players, the only thing we lack now is that little bit of luck.

Cup News: On the 26th April we played Hook Norton at the Banbury Stadium in the semi-final of the Coronation Cup. After a very even start Deddington showed the old magic that made them so outstanding last year. The result was a 3-0 win in our favour. This was a light let-off for Hook Norton as it could so easily have been 6-0 if the chances had been put away. In the final we meet Enstone, a date and venue yet to be arranged.

Reserves: Our Reserves are finishing their season on a strong note with a double victory recently over Morton 7-2 at home and 4-1 away. At the end of last season our Reserves finished bottom of their league and this year look like being half way up the table, a marked improvement and highly commendable to the manager and especially the players.

R. Hayward, Vice President

SCOUTS

Over the last few weeks, most of the Scouts and Cubs have been busy with Scout Job Week. I know that the jobs given have been varied and interesting and we hope that the boys have performed their tasks well. Thank you to everyone who gave a Scout a job.

On the first Saturday of Job Week, a group of Scouts with yours truly went to the Castle Centre as part of the Kiwi Shoe Shine (our own superstar photo of Philip Holliday appeared in the Banbury Guardian). Due to a slight mishap the following Group didn't turn up and the Group after that could only raise two Cubs, so the Scouts, instead of shoe-shining for 1½ hours ended up polishing for 5 hours. Their efforts raised over £25.00 for Banbury Scout District.

Thank you also to the people who are sponsoring 'Mad' Paul Bradford on his walk up the middle of England. If anyone else would like to sponsor him for the Coventry Church and Deddington Scouts please contact any Scout or Robin Stammers or myself.

I would also like to mention the splendid turn-out of our troop as "tail-end Charlies" at the District St. George's Day Parade held at Banbury.

Alan Rampley

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Sunday School Anniversary service will be held on Sunday 20th May at 3 o'clock. There will be special items by the scholars and the chairman and the speaker will be Mr. Charles Roebuck of Barford St. Michael. A warm welcome to all.

The result of the National Scripture Education Council Examination is as follows: 29 passed, of which 13 were in Honours. Full details in next month's issue.

Eddie Lines

RETIREMENT OF MR. CHARLES FULLER: Charles Fuller is retiring from the Parish Council after 40 years service, some of those years spent as Chairman. Thanking the Council for its appreciation and good wishes, he said all the years had been interesting, and some of them tough.

WHAT'S ON

May	12	Hempton Jumble Sale
	15	PTA Bring and Buy and Coffee morning 9 - 12 a.m.
	15	Mothers' Union Ploughman's Lunch
	19	Hempton Residents' visit to Bristol
	20	Congregational Sunday School Anniversary
	22	Warriner 2nd year Parents' Evening
	22	Mothers' Union Garden Party
	24	Parish Council Elections
	24	Warriner School Concert
	26	Deddington Ladies' Discos
	30	Annual Parish Meeting
June	9	Oxford Diocese Family Day
	12	W.I. meeting on The National Trust
	16	Brownie Revels
	30	Primary School PTA Fete